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July 19, 1999

The Honorable Wayne L. Peterson
Presiding Judge
San Diego Superior Court, Dept. 1
220 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Judge Peterson:

Attached, please find the Board of Supervisors' response to the San Diego County Grand Jury 1998-1999 Interim Report: *Implementation of the Multiple Species Conservation Program* for your transmittal to the Grand Jury. I have also provided the minute order indicating how each Board member voted on this item.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me at 531-5250.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Ekard".

WALTER F. EKARD
Chief Administrative Officer
County of San Diego

WE/pf
Attachment

**RESPONSE TO THE 1998-99 GRAND JURY
- INTERIM REPORT -
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION 99-101: The San Diego City Council, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the City Councils of Chula Vista, Poway, and Santee, and the Board of Directors of the Otay Water District should continue to work with state and federal governments to ensure the success of the MSCP.

RESPONSE:

Agree. The Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation and has implemented a working relationship with the state and federal governments on the MSCP. The County of San Diego works closely with the State Department of Fish and Game (Fish and Game) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to identify acquisition priorities, seek continued funding, and coordinate management activities. Through the Implementation Coordinating Committee (ICC), the County meets regularly with these agencies. The Habitat Management Technical Committee, a subcommittee of the ICC, provides a forum for agency discussion of collaborative approaches to preserve management.

RECOMMENDATION 99-102: The San Diego City Council, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the City Councils of Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, La Mesa, Poway, and Santee, and the Board of Directors of the Otay Water District should identify an existing organization or create a new organization to determine an equitable means of funding the long-term management of MSCP lands. This means of funding should not be reliant on the proposed local regional funding source. It should be funds from each participating jurisdiction based on acreage, population, and/or other criteria which the jurisdictions identify. In addition to determining the funding for management of the land, participating jurisdictions should identify an existing organization or create a new organization for the allocation of management funds.

RESPONSE:

Agree. The Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation and the County has already implemented it in terms of both the funding source and organizational structure within the County. The County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has indicated that they will allocate \$3,000,000 per year toward subarea land acquisitions, with additional support for management activities. The County agreed to spend \$37.00 per acre per year to manage the lands acquired through the MSCP (Board of Supervisors action 10/22/97), and has prepared a Framework Management Plan in compliance with the Implementing Agreement. Responsibility for acquisition and management of preserve lands has been placed in a County inter-departmental MSCP Division that includes staff from the Department of Planning and Land Use and the Department of Parks and Recreation. This organization will recommend funding allocations and perform land management and habitat monitoring functions.

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1999**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 9

**SUBJECT: GRAND JURY 1998-99 - INTERIM REPORT -
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTIPLE SPECIES
CONSERVATION PROGRAM**
(Supv. Dist: All)

OVERVIEW:

On June 15, 1999 (23), the Board received the Grand Jury Interim Report entitled Implementation of the Multiple Species Conservation Program. The Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a response for the Board's consideration no later than July 13, 1999.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transmit the attached response to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Horn, seconded by Supervisor Cox, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater, Roberts, Horn

State of California)
County of San Diego)^{ss}

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Jan Bryson
Jan Bryson, Deputy

